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ARGUMENTS/REMARKS

In response the Examiner's restriction and requirement for an election, applicant elects to prosecute Group I of claims 2-8 and 10-15 without traverse.

However, applicant maintains that this restriction is improper, because (1) the Examiner has not identified proper species and (2) all of the claims could easily be covered by a single search, and thus a restriction is not in compliance with the standards set by the MPEP.

If there are any additional fees resulting from this communication, please charge same to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, our Order No. 32992.

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